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Al and Manjiye Al Shteive, surrounded by their 10 children, as well as friends and supporters, cut a cake to celebrate their first year in Canada.

Family's first anniversary in Bradford

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

In many ways, it was a holiday party like any other – with family, friends, and tables piled with food.

But the first anniversary party held Jan. 7 near Bond Head was

special, celebrating one year since the Al Shteive family left the refugee camp in Lebanon that they had called home for five years, and came to Bradford.

The family, originally from Syria, was among the millions who fled the violence and uncertainty of civil war.

They were sponsored to Canada by the Bradford Refugee Inter-Denominational Group committee (BRIDIG), which arranged for a house large enough for the family of 11, provided volunteer interpreter services, a volunteer driver, job training and English as sec-

ond language tutoring.

All and Manjiye Al Shteive and their now children – now 10, with the birth of Reyad in Canada – have been settling into their new life. Ali has a job and the children are in school. Manjiye has her hands full with the little ones, but

she still found the time to prepare traditional dishes of rice and meat wrapped in grape leaves, and chicken, rice and almonds dish for the party, attended by committee members, friends and supporters.

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Fire destroys new homes under construction

Around 5 a.m. Jan. 6, Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire & Emergency Services received a report of a structure fire in a new subdivision, south of Line 6.

Firefighters arrived to find flames visible, and being spread by high winds and burning embers. Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire Chief Kevin Gallant said that five or six homes under construction were involved, "either being framed, or in initial stages of being the brickwork."

Efforts of firefighters were focused not only on bringing the blaze under control, but protecting the "exposures" of completed homes to the north and east of the fire scene. There was some damage to the surrounding buildings, Gallant said.

"Several have cracked and broken windows, due to heat damage," as well as possible smoke and water damage.

A number of occupied homes were evacuated, for safety.

Bradford West Gwillimbury firefighters were assisted by Innisfil Fire & Rescue, East Gwillimbury and New Tecumseth fire departments, which sent aerial and tower trucks to help fight the blaze, in the two-storey structures.

One of the biggest challenges facing firefighters was "obviously weather conditions, because it was so cold — which plays havoc with our equipment, and our personnel," Gallant said. King Township Fire Department



PAUL NOVOSAD/SPECIAL TO THE BRADFORD TIMES
Surveying the damage as a propane tank burns in the background at a structure fire in Bradford Jan. 6.

sent a "rehabilitation" truck, which helped firefighters keep warm, as they took breaks from the frigid temperatures.

Line 6 was temporarily closed at the peak of the fire, but by 10 a.m. had reopened, and all of the evacuees were permitted to return to their



PAUL NOVOSAD/SPECIAL TO THE BRADFORD TIMES
A partially bricked wall was all that was left of one of at least five new homes under construction destroyed by fire in Jan. 6.

homes. There were no injuries reported.

The Office of the Fire Marshal has been called in to investigate the cause of the

blaze, due to the potentially high value of the damage. Two storey brick-and-stone homes in Bradford sell for more than \$600,000.

Festive RIDE wraps up in South Simcoe

South Simcoe Police have wrapped up the 2016 Festive RIDE program.

During the holiday sea-

son, more than 5,000 vehicles were stopped at spot checks in both Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil. A total of 198

drivers were tested at roadside, resulting in 12 criminal charges, 11 impaired driving offences, and one driving while disquali-

fied charge. Nineteen drivers had a blood-alcohol level in the "warn" range and received roadside suspensions.

"Our total stops and tests are down about 40% from last year, but the number of criminal charges is the same, and that concerns us," said Acting Sgt. Steve Black. "We were really hoping drivers were getting the 'drive sober' message."

He noted there are many alternatives to drinking and driving. "Take a cab, use transit, call a friend, stay over. There's really no excuse for

getting behind the wheel when you've been drinking."

Statistics confirmed impaired driving remains the No. 1 criminal cause of death in Canada.

"Impaired driving by drugs is also on the rise," said Const. Paul Catling, a drug recognition evaluator with South Simcoe Police. "While we didn't have any arrests for impaired by drug at our spot checks this year, we do see more of it. Eleven people were charged with drug possession during the Festive RIDE, so it is out there, and we are encounter-

ing it."

Recent changes to Ontario law mean those charged with impaired driving by drug face the same licence suspensions as those charged with impaired by alcohol. It is estimated an impaired driving charge can end up costing a driver more than \$20,000 in legal fees and costs.

"The message we are sending is the same as it's always been," said Const. Rich Williamson. "If you drink, don't drive. If you're high, don't drive."

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Police Briefs

Stolen vehicle

Bradford - On Jan. 7 just before noon, South Simcoe Police received a report of a tractor trailer stolen from the parking lot of Walmart in Bradford. The truck, a blue Freightliner, was taken sometime between Wednesday night and Friday afternoon. The truck was recovered around 4 p.m. Saturday, south of Thornton, where the suspect stole a black Impala from a used car dealership on County Road 27. A gravel hauler trailer that was attached to the truck has not been recovered. The suspect is described as male, white, about 6'2" (188 cm), wearing a tan jacket, jeans, work boots and a black toque. Anyone who witnessed the Bradford theft, or who has information on the suspect, is

asked to contact South Simcoe Police, 905-775-3311, or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS.

Impaired driver

Innisfil - A concerned citizen called 911 Jan. 6 to report an erratic driver near Cookstown. The vehicle was running, but the driver appeared to be passed out at the wheel. Police investigated and arrested a 50-year-old Palgrave man. After breath testing at the station, the man was charged with impaired driving/over 80, his vehicle was impounded, and his licence was suspended for 90 days. He has a court date later this month. Safe roads - your call. Treat impaired driving as a crime in progress, and call 911 with a vehicle description, licence plate number and direction of travel.

Warn-range suspension

Bradford - Just before midnight Jan. 5, a vehicle was stopped at a RIDE checkpoint on Barrie Street in Bradford. The officer detected an odor of alcohol on the male driver's breath and demanded a roadside screening test, which registered a "warn." A 24-year-old Newmarket man received a three-day licence suspension. The Festive RIDE program may be over, but RIDE checks will continue throughout the year. Registering in the warn range (.05 to .08 mg) will lead to an automatic licence suspension of at least three days; registering over 80 will lead to an arrest and charges. Drivers under the age of 21 must have a blood-alcohol level of zero.

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Opinion

Point of View

Don't go overboard for sesquicentennial

It's like renting a whole circus for a six-year-old's birthday party, with the striped tent, juggling clowns, pony rides and an elephant balancing on top of a ball.

Or taking the kids to a five-star restaurant for lunch.

Chances are they would have been just as happy with pizza, cake and a balloon artist.

The federal government, with so much already on its plate – restoring funding to ministries decimated by years of cutbacks under the Harper government; finally putting cash behind the promises to Canada's indigenous people, to provide clean water, better access to social services and health care and levelling the playing field in education; increasing our commitment to the international community – can't really afford an

"over-the-top" birthday party. Who is it we want to impress?

Why spend \$500 million on Canada's sesquicentennial? Half a billion dollars that could be put into programs, services, or toward reducing the deficit – or, here's an idea: That could be used to pay off the student loans of our struggling young people.

There's no need to fund a big bash, or provide the money for every imaginable activity that has "Canada 150" tacked onto it.

We're going to enjoy the party, whatever it is. We're probably going to come up with great celebrations on our own, with or without federal funding. And, hopefully, the country will be around for a lot more celebrations. Our 175th. Our 200th.

What we don't need is more debt. It's a rotten birthday present.

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Mayor Rob Keffler, councillors Ron Orr and Peter Ferragine join the South Simcoe Police Service and Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka to raise the flag for Crime Stoppers Month, Monday, in Bradford.

Letters to the Editor

CRIME STOPPERS MONTH

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone marking Crime Stoppers Month. Crime Stoppers, a global organization with more than 1,700 programs in 32 countries, brings together citizens, local media and police in an effort to solve and prevent crime. In Canada, Crime Stoppers has been involved in clearing more than 260,000 cases and helping to recover more than \$500 million worth of stolen property since it was established in 1985.

Crime Stoppers Month is an opportunity to raise awareness and ensure ongoing public support for the program. I would like to commend the staff and volunteers associated with the 108 Crime Stoppers chapters in Canada for their efforts to fight crime. Your dedication to the safety and well-being of your fellow citizens is improving our communities. Please accept my best wishes for a successful month of activities.

PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU CRIME STOPPERS YEAR-END

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka is pleased to provide our statistics for 2016, and proud of another successful year assisting local police agencies solve crime and keep our communities safe. 2017 marks the 30th anniversary of Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka.

Crime Stoppers is a civilian volunteer-based crime fighting program that allows the public to anonymously report information about crimes and criminals. You will never be required to reveal your name, make a statement or appear in court. Your call to Crime Stoppers will not be recorded; we do not subscribe to call

display. Your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

We have seen an increase in the number of cases cleared by tips. We would like to thank the community, the media and our police partners for their continued support. In 2016, tips led to 183 arrests, 283 cases cleared, 397 charges, and 17 weapons recovered. Charges were laid under the Criminal Code, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and Highway Traffic Act.

The anonymous tips assisted police in recovering just over \$1.15 million in property and illicit drugs. The board approved more than \$22,000 in reward payments to tipsters.

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka was founded in 1987. Since its inception, it has helped police make a total of 4,506 arrests, clear 6,864 cases, lay 8,832 charges, recover 449 weapons and over \$77 million in property and drugs.

Crime Stoppers continues to use social media to share information. Tipsters can easily access this information @crimesdm on Twitter. Tip lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 800-222-TIPS (8477) or go to tips.submitml.com or crimestoppersdm.com to submit online.

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit charitable organization, not a police program. Money for tips is funded by our volunteers. Local committees exist in Barrie, Orillia, Muskoka, Dufferin, South Simcoe, Southern Georgian Bay and the Georgian Triangle. For information or to volunteer, see crimestoppersdm.com or contact 707-726-2237.

CRIME STOPPERS SIMCOE-

DUFFERIN-MUSKOKA

My Canada – Canada's joy

PETER WUKASCH
Special to the Bradford Times

Like a giant moth, it seems to float through the air, in slow, buoyant flight to land unafraid on the rim of the plot you left unattended at your campsite.

Like a giant, fluffy chickadee, it zeroes in on the "leftovers" of the hunt – whether from a pack of wolves, or a successful moose hunter.

Call it what you will – whiskey jack, moose bird, camp robber, Canada jay or grey jay – you can say you have seen Canada's new national bird. Of course, you will have to brave wintry temperatures, mosquito-ridden spruce bogs and some steep mountain climbing to find it.

From the Arctic tundra to the southern Rockies in New Mexico, and from the West Coast rainforests to the stunted coifers of Newfoundland, you will find this friendly and engaging bird. Both fearless and curious, they readily feed from your hand, and steal unattended morsels from campfires often to store the food for the bitter days of winter.

Grey jays don't migrate, and are rarely seen away from the boreal forest. Unlike their gaudy cousin, the blue jay, they are feathered in soft grey, white and black. Young birds are mostly a charcoal-grey colour, and are sometimes mistaken for other species. The similar but rust-coloured Siberian jay replaces the grey jay in Northern Europe and Asia.

So, why choose the grey jay to be a Canadian symbol? Well, if any bird represents the tough Canadian spirit, this would be. Like the early pioneers and explorers who braved the harsh climate of the True North Strong and Free, the grey jay is a survivor. Inhabitants of Canada, from the original Indigenous people to modern-day hikers and campers, have enjoyed the company of this bird.

I had the experience of one landing on my step pot as I was lading supper into my bowl, and making off with a savoury chunk of meat. I still have the photograph to remind me.

Grey jays are unique, in that they



Grey jay (courtesy birdforum.net)

begin nest construction before winter is over – lining the nest with thick layers of fur or animal hair and feathers to keep the eggs well-insulated. They don't seem to even mind a dusting of snow covering them as they incubate.

Once the eggs hatch and the chicks have fledged, they stay together as a family for an extended period of time, visiting caches of food they have stored above the snow line. Their sticky saliva allows them to keep bits of food secure in crevices, and the cold temperatures preserve the food for later consumption.

Unfortunately, in places where grey jays were once common, such as Algonquin Park, biologists have observed a drop in population. One theory is that with warmer temperatures, the food the jays store spoils, and they cannot adequately survive in more southerly latitudes. In the far North, they are faring well – but if this trend continues, forest grey jays will surely, and fewer of us will get the opportunity to see this symbol of the Canadian wilderness. On the other hand, birds in the jay family, from ravens and magpies to blue and grey jays, are very adaptable, so they may "weather" the changes. For Canada's Sesquicentennial year, the Bradford Times is asking readers – both long-time residents and newcomers to the country – to share some of their favourite places, events and memories of this country we call home. Stories, photos and comments can be sent to mkings@postmedia.ca, subject "My Canada", or mailed to "My Canada", Bradford Times, 74 John St. W., Box 1570, Bradford, ON, L3E 2B8.

Briefs

STOP smoking workshop in Bradford

Is your New Year's resolution to finally quit smoking? There is help available. Sign up for a free three-hour STOP smoking workshop, offered by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. The workshop will provide information on how

to start on the road to smoke-free living, how to deal with cravings, and provide a free five-week course of nicotine replacement patches, along with advice on how to use them safely. Workshops are open to all adults who are regular tobacco

users.

There will be a stop smoking workshop in Bradford Jan. 23, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For information on eligibility, locations, and to register, contact the Health Unit at 705-721-7520 or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.

Scouts bottle drive

up at The Bear Store in Bradford, on Holland Street West, and help support scouting. The troop is raising money to send scouts to the

Canadian Jamboree this summer, a sesquicentennial event that will bring together scouts and scoulers from across the country.

Robins and raptors in the Christmas Bird Count

PETER WUKASCH
Special to the Bradford Times

Dec. 30 saw 15 intrepid birds scour the marshes, forests, fields and lakes of Bradford West Gwillimbury to tally birds for the 18th annual Christmas Bird Count.

Despite the ducks ducking hunters along the Cook's Bay shoreline, we still managed to record 44 species of birds, and one river otter that conveniently

swam right in front of us.

Highlights included eight snowy owls, four bald eagles, eight red-bellied Woodpeckers, large flocks of American robins and snow buntings, and our first records of peregrine falcon and Thayer's gull. Eight species of raptors was especially noteworthy.

Our results will now be submitted to Bird Studies Canada and, along with bird counts from across Canada, the U.S.,

and parts of the Caribbean and Central and South America, will be used to analyse the relative health and abundance of birds in the Western Hemisphere.

It's also a fun way to join other birding enthusiasts on a crisp, cold winter's day, and enjoy the beauty of nature. Thank you to all who were involved, including those who reported what they saw at their backyard feeders. See you again next year.

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Town Council

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366.

Regular Meeting of Council & Committee of the Whole

• Tue, Jan. 24 @ 7:50 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W – Zima Room

Special Meeting of Committee of the Whole on Seniors Housing

• Tue, Jan. 17 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W – Zima Room

Board/Committee

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

• Thu, Jan. 12 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W – Boardroom

Active Transportation/Recreation Committee

• Wed, Jan. 18 @ 6:30 p.m.
305 Barrie St., Unit 2 – Boardroom

Competitive Bids

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Employment Opportunities

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Closing January 13, 2017
- 2017-CC10R – Committee Coordinator
Closing January 20, 2017
- 2017-WW01FT – Wastewater Operator
Closing January 23, 2017
- 2017-SETD01 – Senior Engineering Technologist
Closing January 27, 2017
- 2017-T001 – Training Officer
Closing January 30, 2017

Summer Student/Co-op Positions

- Closing January 16, 2017:
- 2017-PM01 – Parks Maintenance
- 2017-EA01 – Leisure Events and Marketing Assistant
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- 2017-IF01 – Inclusion Facilitators

Closing January 27, 2017:

- 2017-EM01 – Emergency Management Co-op
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Celebrate!



In 2017, Canada turns 150! The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is excited to celebrate and looking for community input.

The Town is accepting submissions from the community for project ideas to contribute to the celebrations.

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Notice of Complete Applications

Pursuant to Sections 34 and 51 of the
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Take notice that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has received the following applications for a proposed Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law amendment:

Owner: Cachet Estate Homes (Bradford) Inc.

Locations: 509, 515 & 531 Simcoe Road

Nos.: D12-16-15 and D14-16-14

The applicant is proposing a residential plan of subdivision containing 87 townhouse dwelling units. The lands included in the Draft Plan would be rezoned to implement standards for the proposed subdivision. Detailed information regarding the applications may be made available for public inspection by contacting Ryan Windle, Manager of Community Planning, at (905) 778-2055, ext. 1401, or rwindle@townofbwg.com.

Prior to Council making a determination respecting the above-noted applications, there will be at least one Public Meeting to give the public an opportunity to make representation. The date of the Public Meeting has not yet been determined. Notice of the Public Meeting will be given at least 20 days before the meeting is held, by way of notice in this newspaper and in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act.

If a person or public body does not make oral submission at the Public Meeting or make written submission to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the proposed draft plan of subdivision is approved and the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board, and the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Community Planning, telephone (905) 778-2055, ext. 1401, facsimile 905-778-2070 or e-mail at rwindle@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 12th day of January, 2017.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



NOTICE: Road Closure for OPA 15/16 Linear Works

WHAT:

To prepare the 'employment lands' located in the area of Highway 400 between County Road 88 and Line 5 for new development, the Town is reconstructing roads and installing sewers and water mains. This is referred to as the OPA 15/16 Linear Works Project.

A road closure will take place starting January 23 for up to two weeks to allow for the installation of a storm culvert crossing under Sideroad 5.

WHERE:

The full road closure will take place along Sideroad 5 between Line 6 and County Road 88. See map below.

WHEN:

The road closure is scheduled to begin on January 23rd for up to two weeks.

HOW YOU MAY BE AFFECTED:

Detour route signs will be posted to direct vehicles around the closure.

Access will be provided for residents whose homes are inside the construction limits (along Line 6, between Highway 27 and Sideroad 5 as well as along Sideroad 5 between Line 6 and Line 5). Residents directly affected by the road closure will be notified daily if access to their driveway will be restricted.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the following:

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Mayor's Levee ushers in sesquicentennial year

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Last year, the first Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor's New Year's Levee not only offered an opportunity for residents to celebrate the new year and meet their local council members, but it also marked the 25th anniversary of amalgamation, when the town was created by the amalgamation of Bradford, West Gwillimbury Township, and a portion of New Tecumseth.

This year, the second annual Mayor's Levee celebrated not only the new year, but the start of Canada's sesquicentennial, marking 150 years since confederation.

The all-ages event featured music by Russ Clayton, and by local band, Kurtis + The Crosswinds and the balloon artistry of Donald Stevens, of The Twisted Ones.

There were refreshments, cakes – one a sesquicentennial cake – as well as historic displays and speeches.

"It is the year of the 150th anniversary of Confederation," said York-Simcoe MP Peter Van Loan, who spoke of "a constitution and a coun-



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Cutting the sesquicentennial cake. From left are (front) Coun. Gary Baynes, Mayor Rob Keffler, Coun. Peter Dykile Jr., (rear) York-Simcoe MP Peter Van Loan, Deputy Mayor James Leduc, councillors Gary Lamb and Mark Contois, at the New Year's Levee in Bradford Sunday.

try that (have) endured. The most enduring constitution in the world, the most wonderful country in the world, and Bradford West Gwillimbury, the most wonderful place in this wonderful country."

Mayor Rob Keffler provided a brief history of the New Year's Levee – noting that it's a tradition started by King

Louis XIV of France; Canada's first levee took place in 1646, in Montreal.

"Today, the New Year's Levee is almost entirely a Canadian tradition," he said, it's an opportunity to "look back at the year that was, and ahead to the year to come." McKeeffer also pointed out that Bradford had a population of 1,000 and was incorporated in



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Dad Jeff with Arianna, 5, and Anthony, 3, and balloon creations at the Mayor's Levee.



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Local teacher and entertainer Russ Clayton performs at the Mayor's Levee.

1857, "10 years before Confederation."

The New Year's Levee was the first of many events planned for the sesquicentennial year. Events include a Feb. 15 (Flag Day) flag-raising, Canada Day parades in both Bradford and Bond Head and the gift of a Canadian flag for every household. Residents were invited to suggest additional

events and register their own planned sesquicentennial activities.

"We think this is a celebration that not only town council and staff will be involved in, but residents. We want to make this a community event," said Deputy Mayor James Leduc. "We look forward to your participation."

"This is just the start."

Briefs

Transitioning to high school

Bradford District High School hosts an information session for Grade 8 students and their parents, to help with the transition to high school. The information night will take place on Jan. 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Nantyr Shores Secondary School in Innisfil is hosting its Grade 8 info night on Jan. 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The evenings will provide an overview of high-school life and the opportunities available, including

co-op, dual credit, e-learning, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, and specialist high-skill majors in the Simcoe County District School Board. See scdsb.on.ca/schools/pages/highschool.aspx for information.

Evening of antiques

The Bond Head Women's Institute hosts an evening of Information and fun, on Jan. 18. Mardi Andrews,

owner of Auntie Doodie's Antiques will talk about what to do with your treasured antiques that your family don't want. The event starts at 7 p.m., at 200 Holland Court in Bradford. Space is limited. Please call Nikki at 905-775-4011, to pre-register, or call 905-775-6618 and leave a message, with your phone number. Feel free to bring an antique, or a photo of a family treasure that you want to discuss.

New Year's wishes

"Hoping the New Year will bring happiness and good fortune plus health, in our great community of Bradford West Gwillimbury in 2017" – Peter Dykile Jr., councillor

"I would hope that we might be able to implement housing for low income. I know we've made great strides with housing

for seniors. I would also hope to implement more activities in our parks, low cost activities – like frisbee golf... I think we're making great strides in everything else. The Plan (Community Improvement Plan area) Program has done very well, with incentives." – Mark Contois, councillor

Sovereign's Medal recipient

Bradford resident and long-time volunteer Peter Line has received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. The new medal was instituted April 12, 2016, and replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, elevating the level of recognition for volunteers. Line received the medal with a letter from Governor General David Johnston, explaining that it was presented to "complement your existing award" (the Caring Canadian Award), and thanking Line for "helping make Canada smarter, and more caring."



Start the new year with history

HELEN YIELDING
Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society

One of the best resolutions you could make for 2017: to join the Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society. We are a friendly group dedicated to exploring local history, and we have very interesting programs!

This coming Monday, members will bring their treasures to our show and tell program, always a surprising and enjoyable evening of discovery.

On Feb. 20, hear how the Chambers family researched and restored their circa-1845 Bond Head home,

while surviving a house restoration. The March meeting, on March 20, will include a virtual tour of Beeton, with Bert Platt.

On April 17, guest speaker Virginia Van Vleet will provide a glimpse of mourning Practices of the past, while June Chambers will discuss quilts and other comforts from the past.

Meetings are held Mondays at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson, starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact June, 905-775-7144 or Janine, 905-936-6549.



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Community Listings

THURS., JAN. 12

FRIDAY HARBOR RESORT JOB FAIR: Bring your resume to the Innisfil Reformed Church Complex, Innisfil Beach Rd. and Hwy. 101, Jan. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m., or Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, see fridayharbourresort.com.

FRI., JAN. 13

SOUP'S ON! Soup and Chili Dinner at Springdale Christian Reformed Church, 5 SR and North Canal Rd., BWG, from 5 to 7 p.m. Food, fellowship and fundraising for Caleb and Samantha's Mission Trip to Guatemala. All welcome.

SAT., JAN. 14

HAM DINNER: Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, hosts a Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner, with Vegetables, Salads, Rolls, and Tea/Coffee/Juice from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Adults \$16, Children \$8. Tickets available in advance from 905-775-7268 or at the door. Call ahead for take-out.

SUN., JAN. 15

FREE CURLING CLINIC: The Bradford Curling Club, 125 Simcoe Rd. (beside the old Bradford Arena), hosts a free Curling Clinic, 4-6 p.m. Learn the roaring game - instruction and equipment provided. For all ages. RSVP to enquiries@bradfordcurlingclub.ca.

TUES., JAN. 17

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS: At CHATS Community and Home Assistance to Seniors, 448 Holland St. W. in the West Park Plaza. Family and Friends caring for a person with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia meet to share information, coping strategies, challenges and successes, in a safe place. For info, call 705-722-1066.

WED., JAN. 18

WHAT TO DO WITH TREASURED ANTIQUES? The Bond Head Women's Institute welcomes guest speaker Mardi Andrews, of Auntie Doodie's Antiques, who will talk about "What to do with your treasured antiques that your family doesn't want!" At 200 Holland Court, Bradford, at 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Mardi at 905-775-0401, or call 905-775-6616 and leave a message and your number. Feel

free to bring an antique or photo of your treasure, to discuss.

THURS., JAN. 19

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NETWORK'S NEWMARKET SUPPORT GROUP MEETS: At the Newmarket Sports Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive. Meet & Great starts at 6:30 p.m., meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. with guest speaker Dr. Baglio, on Palliative Care and accessing palliative services. All welcome. For information, see www.newmarketprostatecancer.com or call 905-895-1975.

FRI., JAN. 20

KURTIS + THE CROSSWINDS IN CONCERT: A concert at the Bradford Arts Centre (Bradford United Church), 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, at 8:30 p.m. Admission is by freewill offering, plus a donation of non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank.

SAT., JAN. 21

ROBERT MUNSCH PY JAMA DAY PARTY: Another Free Family Saturday at the BNP Public Library, 425 Holland St. W. in Bradford, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free activities and crafts on the theme of Munsch's Pyjama Day. Geared towards kids 3 and up accompanied by an adult. Wear your PJs.

ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT: The Letroy-Belle Ewart League Branch 547, located at 1017 Robinson St. in Belle Ewart hosts its annual Robbie Burns Night on Jan. 21, starting at 6 p.m. - an evening of appetizers, Roast Beef Dinner, Innisfil Pipes & Drums, and Burns Address to a Haggis. Tickets \$25 each; contact Laurie Ferrie, 705-431-8519.

ROBBIE BURNS DAY DANCE: Trinity Anglican Church hosts a dance at the Bradford Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. featuring The Cruisers band. Tickets \$25 per person for dancing a live band, late night buffet at 10:30 p.m., Silent Auction, door prizes and spot dance prizes - and piping in of the Haggis. For tickets, contact Sheryl MacPhail, 905-775-3134.

CURLING FOR CURE SERVICE DOGS: At the Barrie Curling Club, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Breakfast, prizes, instruction, \$80 per person, \$350 per team. Contact Kim Jeffery, 705-734-2673 or kim@cedogs.org.

SUN., JAN. 22

WINTER BOOT CAMP FOR

DERBY GIRLS: The South Simcoe Rebel Rollers host a 15 week Boot Camp for anyone wanting to become a Roller Derby Girls. Find out more at a Meet & Greet, Jan. 22 at ODAS Park in Orillia. Includes a free skate. For info, email southsimcoerebellerollers@gmail.com or see www.rebellerollers.ca.

WED., JAN. 25

BWNYR COCKTAIL PARTY: The Business Women's Network of York Region hosts a cocktail party at The Sharon Temple National Historic Site, 18974 Leslie St. in Sharon, East Gwillimbury, 5-7 p.m. Great networking opportunity, plus a guest speaker from the Business Development Bank of Canada. See bwnyr.com for more.

ICE FISHING, JAN. 26

ICE FISHING SEMINAR: WJ Wagner, angler extraordinaire, presents a free seminar on ice fishing, 7 to 9 p.m. at the South Innisfil Community Centre, 1554 Killarney Beach Rd.

MEETINGS

COMMUNICATION GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH APHASIA: A weekly communication group for people with Aphasia is held every Friday, 9-11 a.m., at the Harmonize for Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic, in the Sadion Health & Wellness Centre at Georgian College's Barrie Campus (Room M233). No cost. For information, contact Brittany MacKichan, Communicative Disorders Assistant, at bmackichan@macchordlines.com.

ca or the H4SHL Clinic, 705-722-1561.

AL-ANON: Meetings Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church Basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For more information, www.al-anon.alateen.org, www.al-anon.org or call 1-888-441-ANON.

FRIENDS IN EUCHRE: Friends in Bradford (Euchre) is a new club for people interested in playing Euchre, in Bradford and surrounding areas. No membership fees/costs. The Club plays every 3rd Friday. Contact fab@dragers.com for info.

SPKAF FOR SUCCESS YOUNG SIMCOE TOASTMASTERS: Meets every 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of the month, 7-9 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave., upstairs in the Multi-purpose room. All welcome. www.speakersuccess.org

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP: Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 1:30 to 3 p.m., at Simcoe Manor in Beeton. For info, contact VON Simcoe County Program co-ordinator Lori Waring at 905-729-0700 or lori.waring@vov.ca.

CHATS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets the 1st and 3rd Thurs. of each month at CHATS in Bradford, 448 Holland St. W., at 10 a.m. For info, contact Marc Terrance, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226.

CHATS SENIORS WELLNESS PROGRAM: Meets Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Bradford Legend, 115 Back St. Includes health and wellness education, nutritious lunch, gentle exercise and fun activities. \$8. For info, contact Laura, 905-775-1767.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church 1466 Sedford St., Bradford. 905-775-3731 Sundays 10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery Pastor: Paul VanStrain www.springdalecnc.net	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford 905-775-3412 Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Bond Head United Church Lynwood, Bond Head - Bond Head Come check us out Sunday's at 10:30 am 1221 County Rd. 88 In the Heart of Bond Head *And now I will show you a most excellent way - 1 Cor. 13	Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church 127 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-0605 Masses Sat 8:30 a.m., Sun 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Confessions 1/2 hour before Sunday mass.
Trinity Anglican Church 82 Church St., Bradford (Corner of Church & James St.) Sunday Service, 10 am Sunday School, 10 am 905-775-2200 trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com	Bradford United Church 66 Barrie St., 905-775-7268 Service - 10 am Sunday School Available www.bradfordunited.com
St. John's Presbyterian Church 2940 - 10th St. Bradford (8th Line & Midlandton SR) 905-775-7274 Sunday Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery provided. stjohnspresbytrinitybradford.com	Bradford Community Church Mid-week small group 905-775-6868, located on the S.E. corner of Hwy 811 & Conc. 49 Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Nursery - Bath 3 yrs Children 4-12 yrs
Bradford Islamic Community Centre offer Friday Prayer Service * Time: 3:30 PM * At Bradford Islamic Community Centre - (C/o Bradford East & West 1251 156) * All Muslims, ladies & kids are welcome * Please contact at bradfordislamiccommunity@gmail.com for further details	Riverdive Bible Chapel 905-836-1798 #20248 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11) 11:00 am - Family Bible Hour 1:30 pm Afternoon Service 7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study
St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church 721 Simcoe Rd. Bradford Ukrainian Services Lump Sunday & Feast Days 10:00 am Phone 905-715-0105	Greater Life Community Church 2940 Sedford Rd., Bradford (Sedford Rd. & Line 8) Sunday Worship 2:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm 905-775-7168 www.greaterlifecommunity.com
Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church 18205 Ontario St., R11, 48 Newmarket Sundays 10:00 am & 5:30 pm Sunday School & Nursery with service Mid-week youth & adult bible programs Rev. Richard Bond 905-775-7291 E: hollandmarshcnc@rogan.com	Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Friday Prayer Service: 1:30pm "Lead ye by the Word of Allah" 1099 10th St. Bradford led by Imam Bilal Ahmad For further details, contact Imam Bilal 905-487-8652
St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church (Bayview line) 18 Ham St. Bond Head, Bond Head East 8:30am (Sundays, 11:30am) 905-775-4382 info@stcatherineofalexandria.ca	Bradford Baptist Church 3224-10th St (2 km north of Holland St. W.) 8 am - Service/Portuguese 10:30 am - English Service Sunday School/Pre-School Care 2:30 pm - Service Espanol Mid-Week Youth Program 905-775-3796 www.bbcw.ca
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Joanne McGee

Free curling clinics

It's cold, snowy and the start of a new year. What better time to learn "the ronting game"? The Bradford Curling Club is again hosting free curling clinics – the perfect opportunity for beginners to learn the basics of curling, and for former curlers to brush up on their skills. Instruction and equipment will be provided for all ages.

A free curling clinic will be held at the club, 125 Simcoe Rd. (beside the Bradford Community Centre), on Jan. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. Register by emailing enquiries@bradfordcurlingclub.ca.

Coming up The Bradford Curling Club hosts a Yuk Yuk's Comedy Night Feb. 4 at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. Doors open at 7 p.m., Comedy show starts at 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing to a DJ, and food catered



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

A free curling clinic Jan. 8 at the Bradford Curling Club attracted everyone from beginners to provincial-level players brushing up on their game.

by Poleiro BBQ. Tickets cost \$40 per person and are available at Water Decor, Decorator's Edge and Bradford Skin Clinic, or at the Bradford Curling Club from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays only.

Hardball's back in Bradford

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Bradford Minor Softball has a new website and a new identity, reflecting the return of hardball to BWG's diamonds.

It's now the Bradford Minor Baseball Association, and its website can be accessed at bradfordsoft.com. Hardball has been offered on and off over the years, since 2005, but Bradford has always predominated in Softball. Now, says Shanna Miller, "our town has become big enough to support the option of hardball, to give people back an option." In recent years, with only softball available, hardball enthusiasts have shifted to clubs in Newmarket, and Innisfil. Miller and the rest of the executive of Bradford Minor Base-

ball are hoping to bring those players back home.

The first early registration date for both hardball and softball is Jan. 28, at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre from 9 a.m. to noon, with hardball open to those born in 2011, and earlier. The goal is "to see what kind of teams we can fill," Miller said. "It's all going to depend on interest. Hopefully we get a lot of people out for early registration."

Registration dates are also scheduled for Feb. 18, March 11 and April 8, at the leisure centre.

Miller has a personal reason for hoping that the return of hardball is met with enthusiasm. "I have a son who is a Blue Jays baseball fanatic, and a daughter who can't wait to play baseball."

And she agrees that the Blue Jays'

successful 2015 season may have played a role in the association's new direction and reintroduction of hardball. When the Jays are hot, "it becomes the cool thing to do."

What's the difference between softball and hardball? Besides the obvious differences in ball size and density – a baseball is nine inches (22.86 cm) in circumference, while a softball is 11 to 12 inches (27.94 to 30.48 cm) in circumference and made of softer material – hardball is played with a longer bat, longer bases, and more pitching options, just like in the big leagues.

The beginning Le Bookies will start their inaugural 2017 season with a pitching machine; developing pitching skills will be an important part of both hardball and softball, Miller said.

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It is with great pleasure that Mike and Maria Crutchley announce the marriage of their daughter

Vanessa to John Tompkins
 Son of Dave and Lorraine Tompkins
 Marriage ceremony took place on August 6, 2016 on Lake Muskoka, followed by a cruise around the lake on the Steamship Wrentham II. Reception was held at the Dock of the Bay in Gravenhurst. Their wedding was a spectacular celebration enjoyed by all. Honeymoon followed to Portugal. Congratulations to the Happy Couple. Love and Joy radiated from you both!
 - Love Mom & Dad -

Paulos, Jeannette (43) - Of Bradford, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Jeannette will be lovingly remembered by her husband Phillip, her sons Nathan and Jonah, her parents Catherine and Robert, her sister Heather (Paul), her brother Bruce and by all of her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Doane House Hospice, Newmarket. A celebration of Jeannette's life will be held between 1-3pm Saturday, January 14, 2017 at SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, BRADFORD.

In Memoriams **In Memoriams**

CERNECCA, James (Jim) M. - January 10, 2016

In tears we saw you sinking,
 We watched you fade away,
 Our hearts were almost broken,
 We fought so hard to stay.
 But when we saw you sleeping,
 So peacefully free from pain,
 We could not wish you back
 To suffer that again.

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by wife Sharon, sons Phillip and Neil.

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In Loving Memory of Michael Mulcahy



October 29th, 1941 - January 17th, 2012

Dear Michael, Dad, Poppa;
 It is still so hard to believe you are no longer with us.
 For a man who was always there for us, we miss you dearly and think of you constantly.
 Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never.

Love - Hilda, Joanne, Patrick, Annabelle, Michelle, Liam & Shauna

IN LOVING
 Memory



Paul 'Navy' Novosad
 1928 - 2016

I often lay awake at night
 When the world is fast asleep
 And take a walk down memory lane,
 With tears upon my cheeks
 Those special years will not return,
 When I was there with me,
 But the love for you within my heart,
 Will last eternally.

Forever loved - Sadly missed
 Ruth

A Loving Tribute

MIRIAM KING
 Bradford Times

Paul Sadlon, founder of Paul Sadlon Motors, and Gary Lamb, Bradford West Gwillimbury councillor, both grew up in the Holland Marsh. Over the years, they have remained in the community, and remained committed to their town - Lamb through his service on council, and as a member of the Bradford West Gwillimbury library board, and Sadlon through his support for the Bradford Lions and other organizations.

And for the last four or so years - ever since the new Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library opened, and a capital fundraising campaign was launched "because there were things we needed that weren't covered by taxation" - Lamb

has been negotiating with Sadlon to make a substantial gift to the library.

Tuesday, Paul Sadlon made the gift official. He represented library board chair Milt Calder with a cheque for \$25,000 - \$5,000 more than originally agreed upon - to see the library's central hall area officially named the "Paul Sadlon Atrium."

"It's not often that libraries have an opportunity to celebrate a contribution from an individual," said library CEO Terri Watman at the naming ceremony, attended not only by library staff and Friends of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library, but Mayor Rob Keffler and members of council.

Keffler was there not only for the naming, "but also to thank Paul for all he has done for the community." The mayor noted the library



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Paul Sadlon, founder of Paul Sadlon Motors in Barrie - the fourth-largest dealership in Canada - grew up in Bradford, and he made a substantial gift to the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library Tuesday.

is "the most used library in Simcoe County."

"It's tremendous," said Lamb of the donation. "We talked about it, and that



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At the Paul Sadlon Atrium unveiling, from left: Coun. Gary Baynes, library board chair Milt Calder, Coun. Gary Lamb, Friends of the BWG Library chair Joanna Pistillo, Paul Sadlon, Mayor Rob Keffler, Deputy Mayor James Leduc and councillors Peter Ferragino, Ron Orr and Peter Dykile Jr.

finally happened."

With the gift, the capital campaign has now raised more than \$115,000.

"We're able to use this money to do things within (the library), and not hit the taxpayers," Lamb said. "I'm proud of the peo-

ple who take the extra step to promote literacy." Sadlon, now 84, came to Bradford West Gwillimbury at the age of six.

"Most of my time was spent here in Bradford," he said. "I'm proud to be connected with the library."

Kurtis + The Crosswinds in concert

Kurtis + The Crosswinds will be performing at the Bradford Arts Centre (Bradford United Church), 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, Jan. 20.

Lead singer Curtis Kennedy-Singer grew up in Bradford, attended Fieldcrest Elementary School, and graduated from Bradford District

High School. Now living in Newmarket, he was joined by friends from the GTA early in 2016, to create a band that has played at Bradford's Carriestfest, Food Truck Fest, and other venues.

The Jan. 20 concert begins at 8:30 p.m. Admission is by freewill offering, and a donation of non-per-

ishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank.

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Curtis Kennedy-Singer, centre, of Kurtis + The Crosswinds, at the Mayor's Levee in Bradford Sunday.

2016 in review, continued

Staff

May Residents turned out to Walk or Run for charity - including the Run/Walk for Southlake, the Hike for Hospice, Upper Canada Mall Run for Easter Seals founded by Joe Persichini, and in Bradford, Taking Steps for Save the Mothers, on May 7, and BWG's first walk for Mental Health and MOBYSS, the Canadian Mental Health Association's mobile mental health clinic for Youth, May 1. May also saw the return of canoes to the Holland Marsh canals, for the annual Youth Canoe Races and the Marsh Mash.

Town council was busy - approving an expansion of Bradford's Canadian Tire Store, rebating the Development Charges for a new seniors' residence on 10 Sideroad, put forward by Bekerman Properties, and signing a three-year lease with Human Endeavour, to estab-

lish the Enterprise, Promotion and Innovation Centre Training Hub in Bond Head in the old Bond Head elementary school; and despite reservations, approving both Ribfest and a new Food Truck Festival for Bradford.

June

On June 3, RBCC closed its downtown branch on Holland Street East, despite protests from clients and downtown merchants. A meeting on May 11 explained the "merger" with the newer branch on Holland St. West, and provided customers with options - including online and telephone banking, and using the Green Lane RBCC branch.

Chris Hadfield Public School welcomed a VIP visitor on June 7: namesake, astronaut Chris Hadfield paid a visit to the elementary school, leaving teachers and staff as excited as students.

During the month of June, BWG



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Marsh Mash in the Holland Marsh on May 14.

Council held a sod-turning at Henderson Community Park, marking the start of construction by Gattman Mill Ltd. after seven years of planning; and on June 23, celebrated the completion of the Holland Marsh Drainage Improvement project that relocated 19 km, and dredged 11 km. of canals, replaced bridges, built almost 10 km. of new

protective berms, and created eight new habitats of fish habitat.

And on June 26, Bradford and the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church welcomed the Abu Duhkoush family to Bradford - Abu, Ola and their two children, Mohamad, 8, and Ghazal, 6 - a second family of Syrian refugees who are making a new home in BWG.



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